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world of a season's growth, in the south summer in advance, the importance of such a casualty!

The natural question in the mind, first of the citizens of Arkansas in contemplating the visitation of man, viewed in this aspect, man divided themselves into two classes. The first was the indignant. The sensation that induced them to be a lottery, and this he has only to throw out win. Whatever might be subdivided into three sections, the gambler, the sufferer, and the last man. The gambler's present was not only violent but foolish. The sufferer, who once attempted to restore the material to a game to a calculation, pronounced gambling to be the greatest folly. To be sure, it might be said that most business was gambling. Two more sufferers was gambling. There was no more fancy, no had no doubt, in Wall-street as in Grub-street, and as much imagination among the bankers as among the poets. But a business which might by some be regarded as most closely approximating to gambling was not in reality so. Insurance tables were based on the calculation of probabilities, but chance probabilities were drawn from the business of life. The lecturer strenuously urged the benefit of life insurance, when a man was young, to have sufficient to meet the wants of his family in the event of his death, if the money spent there in some successful life insurance office there would, and by a distinguished writer or orphan in New-York. (Applause.) The speaker belonged to the anti-subdivision. Go into his office, and you would find the walls almost entirely papered with pictures of elegant houses and beautiful women and splendid farms. It would turn out, however, on minutest investigation, that the houses were not created, nor the towns built, nor the farms cultivated, but "would be, some of these days." The last man, although he might make no great efforts in life a fortune, was generally successful in spending the, and looked forward to the time when payday would be indefinitely postponed and the security days indefinitely anticipated.

The second great division was the timid. It included the stammerer, who was the wonder of the village by his capacity to imbibe rum—poor rum generally—and a bore forever after to his seat was equaled only by the protracted sitting of the long Parliament. The next subdivision was that of the crooker. He amused himself by predicting how soon it would terminate, and discovered misfortune in the direst circumstances. At one time his fears as to health would induce him to parbell himself; the next he would be half frozen by hydropathic applications; now he would be found ruminating the contents of a druggist's store by daily installments, and now taking doses of infinitesimal nothingness. The third and last section was the recluse or mope.—The man whose hardest wish was to be able to retire from the cares of the world to his library, and there cultivate his intellect, and gather experience from the wisdom of the past, rather than from the work and turmoil of the present. When his wish was gratified, and he had got comfortably settled in his easy chair with a book in his hand, it would generally be found that, instead of dipping into the mine of philosophy, he would gently drop asleep.

The true man was the man who was prepared to meet all contingencies,—who boldly faced the world, and, under the directions of a sound judgment, guided by self-control and upheld by courage, provided for all chances, and did the work he had to do.

KANSAS.

Politics—Nominations for State Officers.

Correspondence of the New-York Daily Times.

LEAVENWORTH, Monday, Dec. 24, 1855.

The political atmosphere, as I prognosticated in my last, is still far from clear. Rumors of violence on the part of Pro-Slavery men have reached us from time to time, till to-day comes the positive intelligence that the Free-State Printing Press of Mr. DELAHAY, of Leavenworth—the *Territorial Register*—was on Saturday thrown into the Missouri, in imitation of the redoubtable outrage committed last Spring on that of GERARD E. PAGE. Thus the work of violence and outrage goes on, while the country is filled with the blatant outcries of the Pro-Slavery Party for "law and order."

On the same day the Free State nominating Convention met and held its harmonious for the nomination of State Officers and Representative in Congress. Contrary to my hopes, I find that every Delegate—of course I do not speak literally here—was a candidate for some office; and that, still more than happens East, the Convention was resolved into an arena for the display of personal claims, and these were urged with an openness and pertinacity that proves that we are not destitute of our full share of those patriots, who, leaving their country "for their country's good," have rushed into Kansas in the hope of getting what was totally beyond their reach at home.

But, after all, it is gratifying that good sense has generally prevailed in the nominations made. In spite of all his efforts, Col. LANE could not command the vote for Governor, and Gen. ROBINSON was nominated by a handsome majority. This was the soundest feature of the whole.

The list of nominees is as follows:

For Governor—Charles Robinson, of Lawrence.
For Lieutenant-Governor—W. Y. Roberts, of Big Springs.
For Secretary of State—P. C. Schuyler, of Council City.
For Treasurer—J. A. Wakefield.
For Auditor—G. A. Cutler, of Doniphan.
For Attorney-General—H. M. Moore, of Leavenworth.
For Judges of the Supreme Court—S. N. Latter, of Leavenworth; M. F. Conway, of Pawnee; Morris Hunt, of Lawrence.
For Representative to Congress—M. W. Delahay, of Leavenworth.
For State Printer—John Speer, of Topeka.
For Clerk of Supreme Court—L. E. Lloyd.

The election for these officers will be held in January; and at the same time a Legislature is to be chosen which will convene at Topeka on the 4th day of March next.

The persons who destroyed the press of the *Territorial Register*, are said to be an organized band calling themselves "Kickapoo Rangers," and hailing from Kickapoo—one of the few Pro-Slavery towns in the Territory, and located on the Missouri.

LITERAL.

Destructive Fire at Glen's Falls.

Correspondence of the Albany Evening Journal.

GLEN'S FALLS, Tuesday, Jan. 29, 1856.

We have had a large fire here this morning. The flames were discovered about 3 o'clock issuing from what has long been known as the Long Yellow Building, belonging to the McGregor estate. The entire block is consumed, including the house and store of JAS. C. CLARK.

The following are the principal sufferers: S. I. Williams, drug and grocery store; Mr. Moore, (corner store,) grocery; A. W. Holden, drug and fancy store; H. R. Wing, Esq., law office; Frederick Ranger, bookstore; Holden's hat and cap store; Ramsay's grocery and eating saloon; Smith & Benedict, clothing store. The fire fortunately was confined to the block of buildings in which it originated. Probable loss in buildings and goods, $20,000.

STATUE OF GEN. WARREN.—The statue of Gen. WARREN is in progress, and will probably be completed during the present year. The place of its location has not been designated, though Faneuil Hall has been named as an appropriate spot to receive it. Like the bronze statues of WASHINGTON and FRANKLIN, it will be a monument of the public spirit of the citizens of Boston, as the funds raised have been furnished from private sources. Among the largest contributors may be named the late Col. T. H. PERKINS, Hon. SAMUEL APPLETON and Hon. JOHN WELLES, the former having subscribed $1,000, and the two last $500 each. The list is not yet full, as some $2,000 more are needed to pay the artist for his labors. The gentlemen having charge of the work are Hon. EDWARD EVERETT, Hon. GEO. WASHINGTON WARREN, of Charlestown, and Dr. WILLIAM R. LAWRENCE. Mr. DRESSER, the artist, is engaged upon the statue at his studio in Cambridgeport, and his friends predict that the figure will be a very beautiful specimen of art.—*Boston Transcript.*

THE ICE HARVEST.—The ice harvest is now so far secured that should the weather allow about ten more working days within the next fortnight, the ice-houses will be filled to their full capacity. The ice is now about fifteen inches thick—very clear and quite free from what are called "bubbles." The expense of clearing the ponds from snow this season may be inferred from the fact that the largest firm in the business have expended no less than ten thousand dollars for that single purpose. The work of cutting on Fresh Pond is to be commenced the present week. The ice taken from "Wannam Lake" is uncommonly clear and very thick.—*Boston Transcript.*

The Superintendent of the St. Louis Workhouse is in trouble. He is accused, under nineteen specifications, of all sorts of malpractices—such as charging prisoners more than one hundred per cent, on articles on clothing provided for them by him. Keeping a lot of hogs on the city property, and at the expense of the city. Charging $8,000 for provender for twenty-seven horses for nine months, &c.

LATEST INTELLIGENCE

By Telegraph to the New-York Daily Times.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Brutal Assault of Rust of Arkansas upon Horace Greeley.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Daily Times.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Jan. 29.

RUST's brutal assaults upon HORACE GREELEY are freely commented upon. The first occurred in the Capitol grounds, where Rust struck GREELEY repeated severe blows on the head with his fists; the second was on the Avenue near the National Hotel. GREELEY was walking along, when Rust, turning about, proceeded towards him and hurl him severely with the metal head of a heavy cane.

Rust is physically one of the most powerful men in Congress. The supposed provocation is GREELEY's Thursday's letter, published yesterday, in which Rust's proposition to rule out all former candidates for the Speakership is denounced.

GREELEY defended himself as well as he could, but suffered severely, although he is not disabled.

Such attempts to muzzle the Press cannot intimidate I trust.

GREELEY does not purpose to prosecute. Doubtless, the assailant's own reflections will be sufficient punishment.

Mr. DALLAS has not yet signified his acceptance of the London mission tendered him.

Attack on Horace Greely by Rust of Arkansas—The Senate Printing.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Jan. 29.

As Mr. GREELEY was leaving the Capitol this afternoon, RUST, of Arkansas, made an attack upon him, inflicting several blows with his fist on Mr. G.'s head. He also struck him severely on the arm with a stick, as Mr. GREELEY was approaching the National Hotel.

The assault is presumed to be in consequence of Mr. GREELEY's strictures on RUST's proposition in the House, requesting candidates for the Speakership to withdraw from the contest.

At a caucus of the Democratic members of the Senate, held this morning, eighteen members voted to give the Senate printing to the *Union*; five opposed.

The funeral of Commodore MORRIS took place this afternoon. The services were very impressive. The attendance was very large. The President and Secretary of the Navy were present.

Monday's Proceedings in the House—Ill-judged Movements and their Result—Mr. Campbell's Explanation—Mr. Dean "Bobbin' Around"—Mr. Cole's Speech on Central American &c.

Special Correspondence of the N. Y. Daily Times.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Jan. 28, 1856.

I was not disappointed by to-day's proceedings in the House. On every occasion, heretofore, when, by the natural gravitation of events, it seemed apparent that the Speakership problem was just at the point of solution, somebody who pretended to be on the Anti-Nebraska side of the House has got up some time-killing scheme, or some intermeddle quarrel among our professed friends, to waste the day, prevent any result for the time being, and expose our hands to the enemy, that they might be able to thwart and defeat us. I feared that a similar move would be made to-day, and I failed to write last night simply because, had I written at all, I should have been constrained to express these unflattering convictions.

ILL-JUDGED MOVEMENTS—THE RESULT.

The day has past. It is another added to the many which have been needlessly thrown away. We are still without a speaker, and I fear the week will now be spent without an election. This unfortunate result, as I believe, is a necessary consequence of the strangely ill-timed movements of professed Anti-Nebraska men, some of whom, suspecting that a Democrat would offer the plurality to-day, went and besought him not to do so, because *to-day* the Anti-Nebraska men were to be broken from their adhesion to Mr. BANKS. This was the prelude. The very first item in the business of the day was the plurality resolution of Mr. LEITER, of Ohio, which was laid upon the table. Either of two suggestions should have restrained Mr. L. from such a motion at this time. First, knowing that the resolution can only be carried with the aid of a few Democratic votes, he should also have known that these could not be had for the resolution, unless moved by a Democrat. And, further, he should have known, as I doubt not he *did* know, that the rejection of the resolution, when offered by him, would effectually prevent its being brought forward on the same day by one who could hope to carry it. Why cannot Mr. LEITER wait an hour to save a day or a week? Is he so much more earnest a Banks man than anybody else that he must go on his own hook? I write without the least consultation with any of Mr. LEITER's fellow-members,—but I do not hesitate to say that the mass of them look upon his movement of to-day as a very unwise one, and as very injurious to the cause he professes to have at heart, whether so intended or not.

THE TROUBLES OF A MARTYR.

Mr. LEWIS D. CAMPBELL's personal explanation was not worth an hour's time of the House,—and the reputation for "honor" and "integrity" of a dozen CAMPBELLS,—so fragile that it required such sacrifices for its maintenance—was not worth the delay it occasioned to legitimate business. If there were more statesmen among our politicians, there would be more observance of Mr. SEWARD's maxim, that no man is of so much importance as to justify his occupation of one moment's time of Congress in mere personal defence. I must be permitted also to say, that Mr. CAMPBELL's efforts to create the impression that he is being martyred for his devotion to "Americanism," must fail, for among those who heartily support Mr. BANKS is every American on the floor of Congress who has not shown himself a part of the tail of Nebraska-ism. He errs egregiously if he supposes anybody assails him because he is an "American;" and if it were so he would find a host to stand by his side and fight the battle with him. It is time to speak the truth of Mr. CAMPBELL. He is a disappointed man, and fancies that everybody is his enemy; and "wolves in sheep's clothing" take pains to impress that monomania upon him, and to seal his eyes to the truth. He votes with the Anti-Nebraska men on the direct questions, but is against them on many of the most important side issues. His own judgment impels him not to forsake the principles he has long advocated before the country—but he maintains them with a bad grace as painful to his American as to his Anti-Nebraska friends, and as unjust to the cause as it is to himself. If he would but shake off the evil influences which surround him, and become the Lewis D. CAMPBELL of old—always gallant and foremost in the fight, and always true in season and out of season, he might still be of vast service in the good cause, and get rid of the blue devils which now torment him. He is regarded with far more of sorrow than of anger—the feeling being quite general that bad advisers, rather than a bad heart, have provoked his troubles.

NOW A MAN MAY BE MISTAKEN.

Mr. DEAN, of Indiana, frolicked again to-day, and told how independent he is of all mankind, and of the press in particular. What a pity that a little wood could not be granted for his especial benefit, where he might revolve in endless circles with nobody to find the slightest fault! The gentleman from Indiana is evidently laboring under an extraordinary mistake. He thinks somebody is trying to lash him into the Anti-Nebraska Party. I disagree with him. I think the Anti-Nebraska men long ago made up their minds that GEORGE G. DEAN was not available material out of which to make a reliable opponent of Slavery extension, and that they would a little rather he should stay out of doors. On the contrary, it is he who is "bobbin' around" every day or two with some Anti-Nebraska speech or resolution by which to convince his constituents that he is an Anti-Nebraska man in the abstract, although when it comes to the practical test he dare not venture in the ordinary of the doctrine cannot proceed from his democratic pulpit. It will scarcely pass by unnoticed, that his constituents are of opinion that "talk as liberal as it may, he, Mr. DEAN, is a stubbornly obstinate, instead of the ninety-and-nine who voted steadily for Mr. BANKS.

WHAT OF THE MORROW?

Nobody knows. It is safest to expect a war of words and a waste of hours, until the Democracy become satisfied that the Anti-Nebraska men are really determined to stand by BANKS. It is strange that the past has not satisfied them of this. By the way, was Mr. BANKS, who has been a little doubtful of the policy of adhering to Mr. BANKS, now to-day, that he is getting stacks of letters from his district, all urging him to "stick to BANKS" until a certain very warm place freezes over? The expression is more forcible than elegant, but it has satisfied the people to whom it is addressed of the propriety of growing gray in the service, if needs be.

OUR WORD IN CONCLUSION.

A few gentlemen frequently complain of the strictures of the Press, and threaten to abandon Mr. BANKS because of them. Of course, they have the perfect right to take that road, and they will do it whenever satisfied that the reason will be deemed a sufficient one by the constituencies they represent—a period rather remote, in the estimation of any sensible man, I imagine. But the direct evidence of a quaker idea of the responsibility of the Press, and involves the presumption that its correspondents are controlled by Mr. BANKS or his friends. Once for all, let me say that this is an error, at least so far as your correspondent is concerned. On the contrary, such personal suggestions as these gentlemen have had the opportunity to make have uniformly been in favor of conciliation and peace. But if I do not misunderstand the duty of a correspondent, it is to tell what is, and not merely what ought to be. If gentlemen choose to repudiate *their* duty because a correspondent does his, they must reckon with their constituents, and not with me.

CASS AT CENTRAL AMERICA.

The speech of Mr. CASS in the Senate, to-day, was listened to by crowded galleries. The Central American question has been worn so threadbare by its frequent and voluminous discussion, that little which is new can be said upon it. The views of Mr. CASS, however, will be looked for with interest on both sides of the Atlantic.

XXXIVth CONGRESS—First Session.

The Senate has adjourned to Thursday.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Jan. 29.

Mr. UNDERWOOD offered a resolution that each member of the House be voted for in rotation until some one receive a majority of votes—provided it be a majority of the quorum,—any gentleman having the privilege of excluding his name who might desire. If no Speaker is elected in this way the selection shall be made from the two who receive the highest votes. While thus voting, no debate nor personal explanation shall be in order, except by unanimous consent.

Mr. RUMSEY remarked—the difficulty is, there are already too many candidates—and the resolution makes more.

Mr. UNDERWOOD would not press the consideration of his resolution until to-morrow.

Mr. CRAWFORD gave notice that he shall, to-morrow, offer a resolution to elect a Speaker in one of the ways provided in the Constitution for the election of President—namely, by States, each State casting one vote for that officer.

Mr. A. K. MARSHALL offered a resolution suggesting that it is the duty of the respective parties to withdraw their nominations, leaving each member free from the control of caucus dictation, so that the House may make such selection of Speaker as the best interests of the country require.

Mr. MARSHALL said that although he had not consulted with the American members, he ventured to assert that if the resolution passed they would be ready to accede to one of the two propositions: First—They will name a man of the Democratic Party and unite on him; or, Secondly—The Democrats may take a candidate from among the American members, both parties voting for him. He knew that if the candidate was selected from among the Americans he would be elected.

Mr. MILLSON thought probably the election was defeated by the nominations made at the commencement of the session. The blame was attributed to all parties, and he took his share of censure.

Mr. ALLISON said the resolution violated the principle of squatter sovereignty, as contended by the Democratic Party, which is to let people take care of themselves. The Republicans have selected their candidate; let them be governed by their own ideas of propriety, without outside interference.

Mr. COBB, of Ga., justified the proceedings of the Democratic caucus. They had no idea of making its asserted principles offensive to any party. He believed the best interests of the country would suffer if those principles be sacrificed in order to elect a Speaker.

Mr. WHITNEY opposed the resolution—he would be bound by no caucus or combination to support the Administration in its present position.

Mr. CULLENS considered the resolution of the Democratic caucus offensive in terms, and insulting to the American Party.

Mr. MCILVAINE vindicated the action of the Democratic caucus, and said that upper, since Mr. FULTON, of Penn., defined his position, could a combination of his friends and those of Mr. COBB be formed sufficiently strong to effect an election. It would be time enough to propose a fusion of these forces when it is shown that they can succeed in choosing a Speaker. At present that result is not apparent.

Mr. RICHARDSON called attention to the fact, that while one American (Mr. MARSHALL) proposed a union with the Democrats, two others of that Party (Messrs. WHITNEY and CULLENS) said they could vote for no Democrat. Frankness required him to say, that if the National Americans desire a connection, they must come to the Democrats.

Mr. MARSHALL withdrew his resolution.

Mr. SEWARD offered a resolution (to be concurred in by the Senate) that if no Speaker be elected before the 5th of February, the House adjourn till the 15th of May.

The resolution was laid on the table, and the House proceeded to vote.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH BALLOT.

Banks	90	Fuller	94
Orr	69	Scattering	8

Necessary for a choice, 106.

Mr. WHITNEY offered a resolution for the election of Speaker, leaving a blank therein to be filled with the name of the person who shall receive a majority of the votes.

Mr. LETCHER asked Mr. WHITNEY if he would vote against every Democrat who is friendly to the Administration.

Mr. WHITNEY replied that he would vote against a man who had taken part in the Democratic caucus, and denounced the American Party.

Mr. LETCHER remarked that every other National American would answer in the same way.

Mr. VALK, in reply to a question by Mr. LETCHER, said there was one Democrat he would vote for.

Mr. LETCHER—God bless me! What liberality!

Mr. A. K. MARSHALL—(To Mr. LETCHER)—Is there one American you would vote for?

Mr. LETCHER—No, Sir. I declare myself a bitter, unyielding enemy of Know-Nothingism. [Applause.]

Mr. VALK—In the language of the gentleman himself, "God bless me! What liberality!" [Laughter.]

After further debate, the resolution was tabled by 103 against 40. Adjourned.

Mr. Dallas Accepts the Mission to England.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, Jan. 29.

We are authorized to state that Hon. GEO. M. DALLAS has accepted the mission to England, tendered him by the President, *vice* Mr. BUCHANAN.

The $50,000 Express Robbery.

BUFFALO, Tuesday, Jan. 29.

WHITE, AYRES and KING, the alleged robbers of the $50,000 from the American Express Company, were arraigned before the Supreme Court here this morning. They put in the plea of not guilty, and were remanded back to jail.

Loss of the Brig Dolphin.

NORFOLK, Tuesday, Jan. 29.

The brig *Dolphin*, HATCH, from Porto-Rico, with a cargo of oranges and six passengers, went ashore at Cape Hatteras on the 18th of January. The vessel proved a total wreck. Passengers and crew all saved.

The Bark John Gilpin Ashore.

BOSTON, Tuesday, Jan. 29.

The bark *John Gilpin*, from Charleston for Boston, went ashore last evening at Billingsgate, Wellfleet, and lies in an easy position. A steamer leaves here at 12 o'clock to take her off.

NEW-YORK LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.... ALBANY, Tuesday, Jan. 29.

Mr. UPHAM in the chair.

Mr. SPENCER presented a memorial asking for the passage of a bill to prevent Railroad accidents.

BILLS REPORTED FAVORABLY.

To reduce the stock of the West River Bank.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. BARKER, to amend the operation of the act relative to the General Sobriety of Magistrates and Tenements in the City of New-York till April, 1856.

To amend the act for the registry of births, &c., in New-York.

By Mr. FAUNCE, to facilitate the arrest and punishment of disorderly persons.

By Mr. WILSON, to establish a State Lunatic Asylum in one of the Counties on the Hudson River.

Various papers from the Harbor Commissioners were presented.

ASSEMBLY.... ALBANY, Tuesday, Jan. 29.

The Speaker announced as the Committee on Mr. GROVER's bill for the repeal of the Restrictory Law—Messrs. GROVER, Democrat; FOWLER, Whig; MAYNARD, American and Democrat; G. A. DUNLAP, Republican and American; and GRIFFIN, Republican.

The three first are in favor of the repeal and the two last opposed—so their report will be favorable to Mr. GROVER's bill.

The general order being the Governor's Message, it was taken up in Committee of the Whole, with Mr. OTHIS in the Chair.

Mr. MAYNARD moved to amend Mr. BAILEY's motion by referring so much of the Message as relates to the subject of intemperance, embracing charges against the judiciary, to a Select Committee of seven, whose duty it shall be to investigate charges, and inquire into the abuses in the sale of offices in the Executive Department, and that they have power to send for persons and papers, and be instructed to inquire what sums have been paid, if any, for Harbor Master, and other appointments in the gift of the Governor last year.

After a long discussion, the Committee rose without taking a vote.

The bill to amend the act for the prevention of fires in New-York was passed to a third reading.

Nothing more of importance was done.

United States Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Jan. 29.

No. 32—James M. Cooper *vs.* Enoch C. Roberts.—Justice Campbell delivered the opinion of the Court, reversing the judgment of the Circuit Court of Michigan, with costs, and remanding the cause with direction to award *venire facias de novo*.

No. 92—The schooner *Freeman et al.* Chas. Hickox claimant, *vs.* Alvah Buckingham *et al.*—Justice Curtis delivered the opinion of the Court, reversing the decree of the Circuit Court of Northern District of New-York, and remanding the cause with directions to dismiss the libel with costs.

No. 155—Jas. L. Calcote *vs.* Fred'k. Stanton *et al.*—Justice Grier delivered the opinion of the Court, dismissing the cause, which was error to the High Court of Errors and Appeals for Mississippi, for want of jurisdiction.

No. 58—The United States *vs.* The Minnesota and Northwestern Railroad Company.—Error to Supreme Court of Minnesota. Justice Nelson delivered the opinion of the Court, ordering the case to be discontinued, and remanding the cause to be proceeded in according to law and justice.

No. 39—Adam Hans *vs.* The State of Missouri.—Justice Daniel delivered the opinion of the Court, affirming the judgment of the Supreme Court of Missouri, with costs.

Nos. 42 and 43—The heirs of Lafayette *vs.* Joseph Minton *et al.*, and same *vs.* Edward C. Carter *et al.*—Judge Catron delivered the decree of the Court, affirming the judgment of the Circuit Court of the Eastern District of Louisiana, with costs.

No. 49—Ship *Hazard*, William T. Smith *et al.*, claimants and appellants, *vs.* Frederick Wiseman.—Argument was continued by Hon. Reverdy Johnson, for appellants, and Mr. Betts, for appellee.

From the Northwest—Intense Cold—Scarcity of Provisions.

BUFFALO, Tuesday, Jan. 29.

We have received advices from Ontonagon, Northern Michigan, to the 19th of December. The weather was intensely cold in that region, the thermometer ranging from 190 to 290 below zero most of the time, and at 120 below at mid-day in the sunshine. There was a great scarcity of provisions at Ashland, La Pointe, Wis., and Superior—beef selling at $50 per barrel, and other supplies in proportion.

Later from Texas—Severe Cold.

NEW-ORLEANS, Tuesday, Jan. 29.

The steamer *Charles Morgan*, with Galveston dates to the 26th, has arrived at this port. The weather continues very severe in the North and Upper Brazos, and the thermometer has fallen as low as one degree below zero, killing a number of cattle.

The Brig Mosscow, &c.

BALTIMORE, Tuesday, Jan. 29.

The brig *Mosscow*, which sailed from New-York on the 21st ult. for Baltimore, and was supposed to be lost, has arrived at Norfolk; she was blown out to sea, and has experienced severe weather.

We have no mails to-day south of Richmond.

Later from Havana.

NEW-ORLEANS, Tuesday, Jan. 29.

The steamship *Granada*, with Havana dates to the 26th inst., has arrived at this port, but brings no news of importance.

Non-Arrival of the Arabia.

HALIFAX, Tuesday, Jan. 29—11 P. M.

Up to the present moment there are no signs of the steamship *Arabia*. The weather is calm but hazy.

Departure of the Augusta from Savannah.

SAVANNAH, Tuesday, Jan. 29.

The steamship *Augusta* was detained here till Sunday morning, when she sailed at 9 o'clock for New-York.

From Antigua and Jamaica.

By the arrival of the steamer *Osprey*, from Carthagena via Kingston, we have Jamaica dates to Jan. 12. The leading items relate to the case of the *Queen* at Antigua; upon which subject the Antigua *Observer* has the following comments; not remarkably civil:

"To prate about an insult to the American flag, or an invasion of the sacred right of American citizens, in this case is simply an absurdity worthy of the impudence of the American character. Where is the respect paid to our nationality, when a British vessel, for purposes of commerce, goes into some of the American slave ports, and whatever be the rank, position or responsibility on board the ship of any man happening to possess a tinge of sable in his complexion, he is forcibly dragged out of his vessel and incarcerated in a filthy prison?

Hapless, indeed, is the fate of the unlucky wretch if he is unable, or his Captain is unwilling, to defray the cost of his maintenance while in that dungeon. Sold by public outcry, a life of servitude in the Rice Swamps of Carolina, or in the Cane Fields of Louisiana, is his lot, while the name of Britain, to which he lays claim, in hope that it might relax the rigor of his bondage, is echoed back in cruel derision by his relentless task-masters. We knew of more than one personal acquaintance who, not three years ago, were made to taste the luxuries of an American jail, on which occasion the master and owner (a colored man) of the vessel—sailing out of London—was himself only saved from sharing the fate of the majority of his crew by the perpetration of a fraud, excusable perhaps under the circumstances, of procuring a fictitious certificate of his being a native of Malta, which document was manufactured for the express occasion in London.

With reference to Captain FARRAR, his Excellency the Governor, after a patient investigation of the whole affair, and a strict examination of all parties concerned, in the presence of the Captain of the *Queen*, found it impossible to acquiesce in the demands of the Captain, either for an apology or damages of the extent of Three Thousand Pounds Sterling, which he considered within decision from his Excellency, the late commander, we are informed, exhibited a determination to the Governor, offering the extreme alternatives of apology or rupture, thus placing the dispute upon a footing involving dishonorable concession on the one hand, or (applying, possibly,

EXTRA DAILY TIMES

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Col. Kinney Granthes.

The San Juan Gaceta Oficial Americana (Col. KINNEY's organ) of Jan. 16 has the following:

From the New-York papers we give pretty copious extracts; the most startling and interesting to our readers of this country are those relative to the sinking of the Transit Company's steamer *Northern Light*, for a most glaring breach of the Neutrality laws, though we have long since seen the first infraction of these laws committed by that Company, as will known to all who read and the sentiments of the Government in the affair of the detention of the *Northern Light*, can be found in history, we should think, sufficiently authority.

A correspondent writes us that he is leaving with which the United States [illegible] and on board some passengers are thought of settling in that country. The Administration [illegible] that such an act of the authorities of a citizen of the United States in Nicaragua was clearly an infraction of a [illegible] that the Government of the United States would not [illegible] Under this construction of the treaty Mr. McKeon, the Attorney-at-Law of the United States in New-York, was straightway instructed to become a special [illegible] for the Government, and exercise his skill as detective officer. The efficient manner in which he performed the service would certainly lead to the conclusion that he is not of his element in any other occupation. The United States position is, he a Government of laws. Aside from the [illegible] have not been already shown the [illegible] of the [illegible] there is not a particle of law to punish the United States in the [illegible] of Gen. [illegible] by the *New-York Times* and the people within the United States [illegible] in New-York.

A Government will not [illegible] against a friendly Power; this is the doctrine held in the United States, but a Government which is not entirely despotic, will not prevent its citizens from taking part in their own [illegible] in any enterprise military, or otherwise, with foreign countries. As well might Mr. District-Attorney McKeon stop every train of railway cars that leaves New-York of a morning, or every steamer bound for Aspinwall, which is [illegible] by the Government of the United States, with a view to the infraction of the Polwer Treaty. Has the power to inspect passengers on all boats who are going to Nicaragua, no matter for what purpose, though surely he may inspect all the guests at the St. Nicholas Hotel who propose going to England. The whole affair, we believe in the conclusion, as we did in the opening of this article, is supremely ridiculous, will be so regarded by the people of the United States, and we fear under [illegible] John Bull if he does not laugh heartily at it himself.

Gen. C. C. [illegible]

[illegible]

Fraternization Among Californians and Nicaraguans.

The *Alta California* [illegible] that the representatives of [illegible] Republic have decided [illegible] which also will [illegible] such be arranged [illegible] Alta has been [illegible] from [illegible] anxious to join the expedition, but are deterred from going for want of a suitable means of transportation. If the Government [illegible] Mariners [illegible] the desire of these applicants can be gratified.

Another [illegible] are a large number desiring to go down to Nicaragua, but up to a late hour yesterday [illegible] had been sold. The parties were holding back for a reduction in the price of passage, which has been fixed for this steamer at $75. The *Cortes* carried down for $60. Most of those who are negotiating for tickets to Nicaragua are from the interior.

The *San Francisco Herald* says:

We learn that about one hundred and twenty persons will go down to the Republic of Nicaragua to-day on the *Uncle Sam*, being about the number sent on the *Sierra Nevada* and the *Cortes*. Among those who go to-day are Col. ANTONIO SOTELA, with a company from the interior of nearly one hundred men. From this place the names of [illegible] IRVING, Grayson, [illegible] and Emory are enrolled, who are to be employed as clerks in the various departments of the Government on their arrival at Granada. Capt. MANOVILL, a Hungarian, and an officer under KOSSUTH in his native country, is also among the list of to-day. Mr. MANOVILL is an author of some celebrity, and in case his military services are not required, he may devote himself to some literary productions of the interesting country he is about visiting. Messrs. WOOTERSON and WOLKING, of Marysville, are also of the [illegible] to-day. Most of the recruits that are at present leaving are from the interior of the state. We understand that a company from Stockton, under command of [illegible] QUAY, will also leave to-day.—*San Francisco Herald.*

CALIFORNIA.

Favorable Weather for Miners, Nicaragua Agent Under Arrest—Resume of the Exact.

The weather during the fortnight has been very favorable for miners and farmers. The *Sierra Citizen* estimates the value of one rain in that County at the rate of $50,000 per hour. The estimate may possibly be a correct one; at least, they are many small mining which are dry except during heavy rains, and which yield good [illegible] when water is plenty, but will not pay for working when a stream of water cannot be obtained on the spot.

Since the sailing of the last steamer, the weather throughout the State has been unusually cold. Ice has formed in San Francisco and Sacramento about half an inch in thickness, and much snow has fallen in the mining or mountain regions. In San Francisco the thermometer for several days has been in the neighborhood of thirty degrees Fahrenheit, which is the nearest limit of our Winter climate.

A warrant had been issued, in San Francisco, for the arrest and confinement of Col. J. C. KEWEN, the Agent or Minister Plenipotentiary of the Nicaraguan Republic for the city of San Francisco or the State of California. It is a matter of serious doubt whether the Colonel will attach much great, as he unquestionably can throw himself back upon his reserved rights, under the provisions of the Consular Convention, which provides that representatives of foreign governments are exempt from the proceedings had against Col. KEWEN. The cause of the issue of this warrant is substantially as follows: A servant attached to the St. Nicholas Hotel, where the Colonel is stopping, was somewhat instructive to his duties, and insulting to him, and he gave him a slight chastisement, and the servant swore to an aggravated case of assault and battery, but his person showed no evidence of any abuse. Time will develop whether the Colonel will permit his person to be brought into the Recorder's Court.

The *San Francisco Herald* says:

"The year just closed has been one of the most prosperous to the State at large that has been experienced since this country became an integral part of the Union. In fact, it will be generally admitted that, considering all interests, the material growth of California has been more healthful and vigorous in the last year than in any other year. The mines, which are still our chief reliance for material prosperity, have yielded steadily and sometimes returns to industious and persevering search, and consequently, the miners, as a class, are now enjoying a greater degree of pecuniary independence than any other body of laborers upon the face of the globe.

Gold mining and farming, thus far the only important productive interests of the State, having thriven during the past year, it naturally followed that the trader and mechanic have shared in the general prosperity by exercising to profit their respective callings. The cities, towns, and the country generally, have been exempt from any heavy disaster from fire or flood, such as has often daunted the enterprising pioneer in former years. Thus all interests have advanced alike with steady strides.

The statement of exports from San Francisco in 1855, shows, together, that we [illegible] have become exporters of something besides gold dust and quicksilver. The concurrence of high prices for flour, wheat, barley and oats in a number of foreign markets, has enabled us to dispose of a portion of our surplus to advantage. Fully a million of dollars of our indebtedness abroad has been cancelled with those necessaries of life, and the money itself retained at home.

"In one respect only do we regret that the running up for the year is unsatisfactory. We allude to the small accession made to our population in excess of the departures by sea. The gain in this from this source has been but scanty, and it would seem that unless some new moment can be discovered to stimulate immigration, the progress of the State must, for many years, be slow. It is unlikely that crowds will rush again to California with the expectation of acquiring sudden wealth by mining, unless indeed new diggings of marvelous richness are discovered—an event which is scarcely possible—and were such an event to take place, it would be a very doubtful question whether the tide of population drawn hither by an allurement of that kind would work any substantial benefit to the State. The immigrants whom we want are the stable, honest, hard-working men, who will come here resolved to make this country their home, and set out with strong arms to build it up."

On Wednesday six Indians were killed at the WRECK of Major [illegible]'s Butte [illegible]. It appears the Indians went to the mill of Major [illegible] and demanded flour, which was refused by the miller. The Indians became offended, and [illegible] language, finally leaving [illegible] that the miller's [illegible] from the effects of which he died. The alarm was immediately given, and the Indians were dispatched, as above stated, only two of the number making their escape.

It is understood that a suit will soon be instituted on the [illegible] of the celebrated Lafayette estate, for which the late Capt. [illegible] held a deed from ANNA MARIA [illegible], who professed to be the mother of [illegible]. It is now stated that she was not [illegible] on file in San Francisco [illegible] to be born in [illegible], transferring the entire estate to [illegible].

The exports of wheat from San Francisco during the year has been quite [illegible] 60,000 barrels of flour, Australia and New-York [illegible]

[illegible]

Marshal Heartsend Gen. Hardcastle [illegible]

[illegible]

The bark *Sarah Adams* [illegible] from Sydney, Australia, and brought 140 passengers, for [illegible]. Mr. [illegible] died on the passage, leaving only 139 men and 30 women of the lot.

The total number of Lynch Law executions in California, [illegible] on charge of murder, [illegible] on charge of theft, [illegible] 1 for arson, and 1 Indian charged with being a spy.

On the 24th December the entire regular Police force of San Francisco were dismissed, and a small [illegible] temporary special Police [illegible].

During 1855 the passengers arriving [illegible] 36,381 persons.

A severe shock of an earthquake was felt in San [illegible] on the morning of the 22d, lasted [illegible] seconds.

The Legislature meets next at Sacramento on the 4th inst., when the new Governor would be inaugurated.

[illegible] for murder, were executed according to sentence, at San Jose, on the 8th of December.

The *Pacific Farmer's Journal*, has become a daily [illegible] paper in San Francisco.

The trial of COBA for the murder of Gen. [illegible] was attracting great attention in San Francisco.

The whole amount of distribution of land-scrip in San Francisco last year was $8,877,837; total sales only $1,519,175.

Gold leaves by the in San Francisco last year were $2,[illegible].

The gold exported during the year, as shown by the Custom-House books, was $45,182,551.

The Branch Mint at San Francisco, after an annual settlement, was suspended on the 1st inst.

The Election of U. S. Senator.

From the Alta California.

Politicians are already busy in canvassing for the election of a U. S. Senator to fill the vacancy [illegible] of the term for which Dr. [illegible] was elected. The prominent candidates in the American Party are mentioned to be McKee, CRAIG, FOOTE, MARSHALL, [illegible], MERRILL of Sacramento, PRICE, and Dr. RICHARDSON.

According to the latest information, the present members in the Assembly fifty-five Americans, twenty-four Democrats, and seventeen Whigs; in the Senate there are twelve Americans, 8 Democrats, and 3 Whigs.

From this combination it will easily be seen that the American Party can [illegible] a United States Senator, in case its members go into an election and are united upon a candidate. But there are other questions which will probably make a selection difficult. The American Party has been in [illegible] by a combination of Whigs and Democrats, and it is believed that jealousies will arise by which some section of the party will refuse to coalesce with the other. Indeed, we hear already, that certain men who were originally Democrats refuse to support Mr. CRAIG or any other declared Whig, and in the same way, certain Whigs object to the election of FOOTE, or a man who was originally a strong Democrat.

It is probable the Senate will be nearly equally divided, that the question of filling or choosing a Senator will be left to the joint body, so the chance of a single vote from the American or the Democratic Party might produce such a state of things that an election could not take place; from the mere number of Democratic members to go into a joint election Convention. At any rate, good judges think it is now almost impossible to elect a Senator from among the candidates who cannot have gone before the public, for it is believed there is no one popular enough to concentrate the votes the party has necessary to elect, from the American Party. It is thought there will be considerable spirit to destroy the balance of power which combined with the Democratic vote of both Houses, will defeat an election.

Operations of the San Francisco Mint in 1855

Gold, ounces	1,175,642 00
Silver, ounces	142,816 00
COINAGE—GOLD.	
Coin	$17,[illegible]
Bars	3,[illegible]
Refined Bars	28,[illegible]
Total Gold Coinage	$20,[illegible]
Silver Coinage	356,075 00
Total Gold and Silver Coinage	$20,[illegible]

QUICKSILVER MINES.

New Gold Discoveries in Tuolumne—Quartz Veins, &c.

The *Sonora Democrat* says that great excitement exists on the South Fork of the Tuolumne in regard to new discoveries that have been made in that region. The editor visited the spot, and found it to be a spur very similar in appearance to the famed Table Mountain of the vicinity. In presents, however, some of the abrupt promontories which characterize the latter; but the general appearance, formation and strata bear evidence of relationship. The same volcanic deposits on the surface, and the same indurated clay appears, which are here regarded as an unerring index of the existence of gold beneath. A large number of shafts are being sunk, and several tunnels have been started in this mountain. The excitement just at this time in the results of gold having been found by one of the tunneling companies on the north side of the mountain. The gold is very similar in appearance and quality to that taken from Table Mountain proper.

Coon Hollow is a mining locality in the immediate suburbs of Tuolumne, long noted for its valuable gold deposits. An immense sluice is being laid down, mostly by hydraulic power, and the gold saved in sluices on the surface. There are a great number of these, and their accumulated waste waters, after leaving the sluices form a stream of muddy water, sand and gravel. Mr. SEMPLE, though working no ordinary quicksilver, passes the water through a set of sluices containing riffles, the bottoms and quicksilver, and with no other labor than that of renewing his false bottoms as often as they wear out, say once in a month or two, actually realizes from *one to two hundred dollars per month*, thus securing a handsome gold plate, without purchasing a mining claim, and with no injustice to anyone, as he only saves what others permit to run to waste.

Up in the mountains the snow is growing scarce, what ever hindrance to mining operations, but there is encouraging news from the country about Alpha, Omega and Gold Hill. At the former place four companies commenced washing on the 3d inst., *one of which took out nearly $300 in a few hours.* An extensive tunnel has just been completed in that place, 375 feet in length, running completely through the hill. The tunnel is supplied with a flume, which has a grade of fifteen inches to the box. The opening was made through the hard rock, and blasting for upwards of 250 feet was found necessary. The snow at that point is still at a level of from two to three feet.

The extensive preparation, says the *Nevada Democrat*, which has been made throughout the mining region, leads to the belief that *the coming season will be unprecedented by any previous product of California harvesting.* Its district has been idle, and ditching, tunneling, and other necessary improvements have been rapidly carried forward during the Summer and Fall. The rains have now fairly commenced.

Capt. MALLRY, who arrived in Stockton on the 19th, from Kern River, furnishes the following items from Tulare and Kern River. Some companies on the Hawk-eye and Louisiana Gulches were making from $5 to $8 per day to the hand. The bulk of the mining is now done on these gulches. Quartz mining, at some future day, will be carried on very extensively. Veins are being developed daily, which, in point of richness, still surpass formerly well say in the State. Capt. KERN river has proved to be exceedingly rich. During the past fortnight the rock has yielded as high as fifteen cents per pound. Capt. MALLRY's visit is very extensive and also valuable. A company is now organizing in San Francisco, to work a rich vein recently discovered. The quartz veins are all on Kern River. There are at present some five stores in the neighborhood of the mines, which are quickly found to [illegible] establishments can be purchased. Flour is selling at $12 50 per 100 pounds, and Bacon 40 cents per pound.

The *Georgetown News* says that the Orleans Tunnel Co., Jones Hill, realized clear of expenses from the labor of four drifters, during one month's time, nearly $8,000. That amount was taken from a small drift run through the tunnel for the purpose of opening the same for carrying on more careful operations. After the ground had been properly opened the shareholders [illegible] the net proceeds a day at twenty-four ounces, or $8,000 per month. On last Saturday alone, these famous drifters yielded 32 ounces of gold.

Table Mountain is described by a correspondent as follows:

"On the top or surface of the Mountain there are [illegible] the surface, and which is of [illegible] black or English green [illegible] and extremely hard substance. In some parts of the Mountain this material changes its character, and is found [illegible]

Chief of Revenue Cutter Jackson Review.

The United States Revenue Cutter *Jackson*, Capt. *Davis*, left Port Townsend on the 18th inst., on a cruise down the Sound, in the Puget Sound Sea, and [illegible] are [illegible] Port Townsend, and [illegible] are [illegible] to be visited on the cruise.

A number of the Fort Simpson Indians near on Vancouver's Island are [illegible] and willing to come and join the whites in the war against the Klickitats, but their services are not needed. It is the positive order of Captain Pease to prevent any of these Indians from coming into the territory.

The Chinese Law.

The *Colonia Argus* says that the receipts in the Treasury of Eldorado County from foreign miners, exclusive of per capita [illegible] paid to the State, amounted in 1855 to [illegible] to $[illegible] 71. On the 1st October, the increased license tax went into operation, since which the monthly receipts have diminished one-third, in spite of the most strenuous efforts to collect.

LOWER CALIFORNIA.

The Filibusters at Cape St. Lucas—Disposition of the Troops, &c.

The commander of the troops of the bark *Gaviota* landed at Cape St. Lucas, in military uniform, and demanded possession of Lower California in the name of AYUDA. He and his party, consisting of about 50 men, were taken prisoners, and were taken to La Paz, where they remained in a starving condition. They were trying to charter a vessel at Mazatlan to take provisions, but had not succeeded.

When the *Gaviota* left, the American flag had departed for the city of Mexico on some private business.

We learn, from different sources, that the Mexican troops are [illegible] are becoming dissatisfied on account of their small allowance of food and lack of pay, the Government having delayed to forward the money [illegible] which to purchase them, and the commander is obliged to use great precautions to prevent his men deserting. Now with the [illegible] numbers are constantly escaping across the line, and a guard of fifteen or twenty men was to be stationed in its immediate vicinity to intercept runaways.

Don SALVADOR, Commander-in-Chief of the Mexican forces in Lower California, has issued a proclamation revoking the order issued by Lieut. FIGUEROA, [illegible] prohibiting [illegible] crossing the line. The General accuses Frisk of having overstepped his instructions, and sends all orders he may have issued relative to Dragoons crossing into Lower California.

We have intelligence from Fort Yuma to the 14th December, by which we learn that all was quiet and prosperous at the Colorado. The new steamer *Colorado* had been completed and had arrived at the Fort.

The survey of public land on the Colorado has been completed.

OREGON.

Progress of the Indian War.

Dates from Oregon are from Portland to Dec. 20, and Dallas to Dec. 12. Great anxiety was felt as to the progress of hostilities in the Walla Walla country, between the whites under Col. KNOX and the Indians.

Since the evening of the 22 of December nothing had been heard from the command of Col. KNOX at Walla-Walla. The dispatch from Col. KNOX to Adjutant FARRAR stated that the volunteer force would be at Walla-Walla on the morning of the 22, and it was reported the Indians had gathered there one thousand strong to give battle to the whites. It was expected that an express would have reached the Dalles several days ago, with the intelligence of the arrival of Col. KNOX at Walla-Walla, and of the nature of his reception there by the Indians. It is apprehended if Col. KNOX has sent an express to the Dalles with dispatches, but that the messenger has been intercepted by some of the main body of the enemy. Lieut. Colonel Adjutant GARNER, and [illegible] upon the [illegible] mounted men, in Walla-Walla. It is to be hoped the little party may safely arrive at the place of their destination.

Capt. MAYNE, of company G, who had been out in the direction of the Warm Springs, with his company, returned to Fifteen-mile Creek, bringing in a band of twenty-five Indian children, [illegible] the Indian [illegible] and [illegible] and has turned the [illegible] over to the Indian Department. Capt. MAYNE found several caches [illegible], containing peas, salmon, bread, roots and trinkets, in large quantities.

BANKRUPTCY.

Bank of the [illegible]

MARRIED.

[illegible]

Hannah Bergstrom, [illegible]

At Fine Grove, [illegible]

[illegible]

In San Francisco, [illegible]

[illegible]

In Marysville, [illegible]

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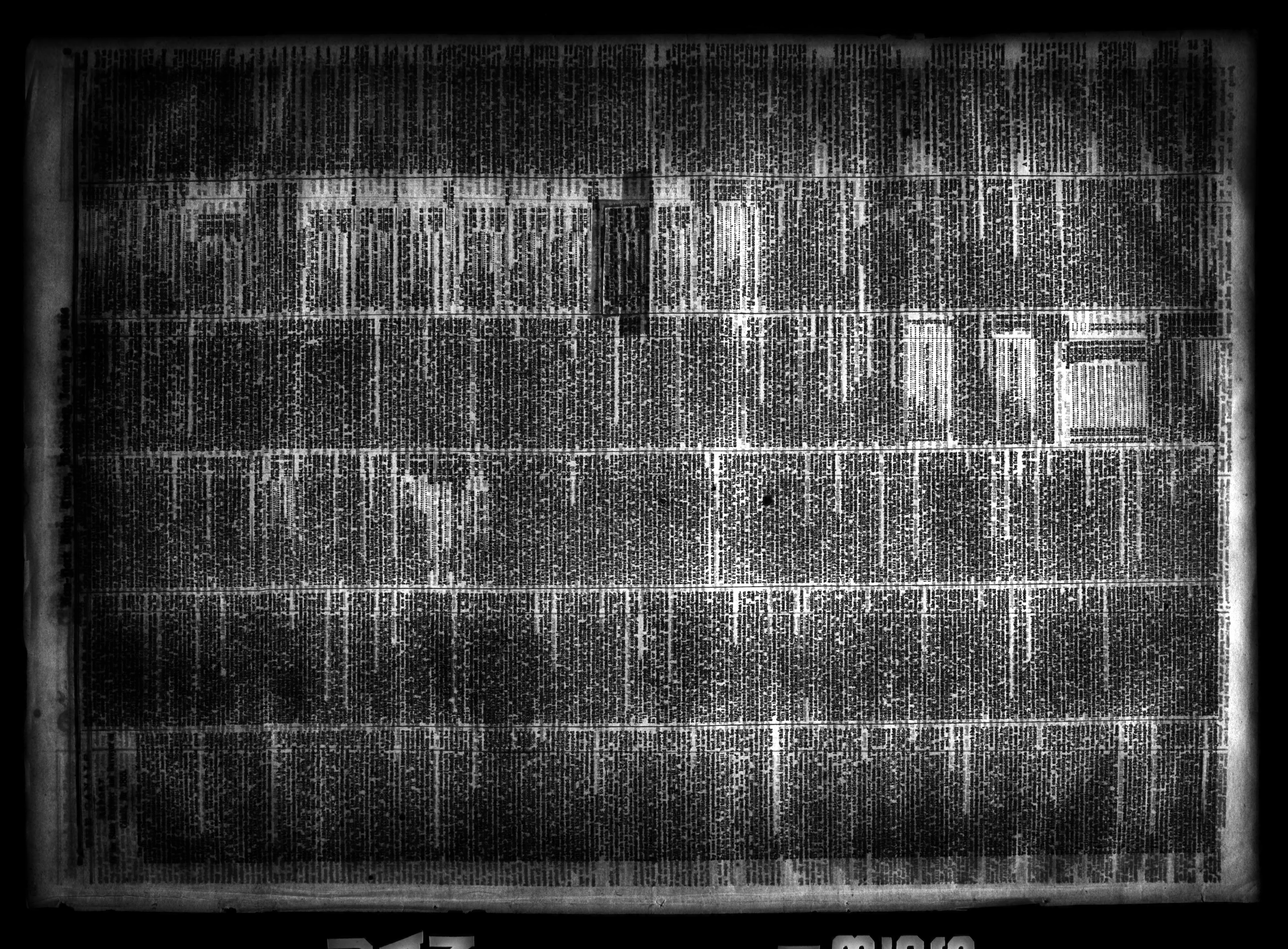

Postal Reform—The New Movement.

If the prosperity of a good cause may be argued from the commercial and social respectability of those embarked in it, Postal Reform ought certainly to have success. The meeting at the Exchange on Monday was of such respectabilities. The speeches were respectable; the resolutions moderately respectable; the committee of action appointed eminently respectable. There was an exhibition of much public spirit and enterprise, of very considerable good money, and the promise of probably that volcanic energy requisite to the forging and finishing of a great measure of reform. Where are such things found more abundantly than on Wall-street and South-street? Having said thus much for the meeting, we shall beg the permission of the worthy chairman to speak briefly to the resolutions; doing so with a perfect knowledge that Mr. Perry Miller, on whom fell the mantle of the indefatigable Bates, as the prophet and propagandist of Postal Reform, is one of the auditory, and the probable author of the resolutions under discussion.

The first of the half-dozen declares in favor of two cents upon letters, and a proportionable charge for the transportation of printed matter. If the charge of two cents is to be regardless of the weight of the letter, very clearly the change will never meet the approval of postal authorities. The present arrangement is the perfection of justice and equity, compared with a system by which John Doe's *billet-doux*, weighing one-fourth of an ounce, is taxed as heavily as Richard Roe's envelope, covering two pounds avoirdupois, of legal documents, or Miss Bluestock's MS., of a fresh sensation story addressed to a New-York publisher. The resolution says nothing of limitation by weight, or otherwise; was the omission intentional, or an oversight? Why any charge at all? Why is the Post-Office Department selected from all others as the one to enforce the unpopular system of direct taxation? The Executive, the Judiciary, the Legislature, the Army, the Navy, the Custom-House, of the country are sustained from the general revenue of Government; why not the Post-Office? But granting the prematurity of these views, two cents is certainly an inconvenient figure to choose as the rate for a half-ounce letter. It is to be regretted that at the period when three cents was fixed upon as the charge, the opinion of a very large number in favor of two and a half cents had not prevailed. The three cent coin is an anomaly in our decimal system, tending to perpetuate the nuisance of the Spanish currency. Its multiples approach near enough to sixpences, shillings and quarters, to render it interchangable with them; and prolong the existence of the abuse, so rife among traders, of pricing all articles by the Spanish scale, in order to defraud the buyers of the paltry difference. Had the rate of postage and the coin been fixed at two-and-a-half cents, the call for postal reform would be less urgent, and the symmetry of our coinage preserved. A two-cent coin must, of course, accompany a two-cent scale of postage, unless that cumbrous and awkward thing, the cent, be multiplied infinitely; a dispensation very little better than the iron currency of Lycurgus, a dollar's worth of which it required one ass power to transport. We thus introduce a fresh anomaly into the system, where the only proper innovation is the quarter-dime. It is true, the coin may be dispensed with, if the present plan of compulsory prepayment by stamp be retained; but against such compulsory prepayment our reformers, in resolution IV., pronounce decidedly. Even in that plan the inconvenience in regard to change which annoys us now, in the purchase of three-cent stamps, would still be found to exist, though certainly in a minor degree. We see, therefore, no prospect of any wiser change than from three to two-and-a-half cents; if the reduction be thought too little, lower it at once to one cent, with prepayment by stamp requisite; and the postal system will, in this particular, approach as near as may be to perfection.

The project of sub-offices, and a better system of letter-carriage in large towns, as set forth in the second resolution, has been chronically advocated in these columns. Why such system of service should be gratuitous, while mail transportation is not, we cannot see with the same clearness as the writer. The best we can reasonably ask is that some fair proportion be established between the two charges. Nor, under resolution III., do we see why the much-needed money order system should be limited within $25, and confined to the larger offices. It is among the minor offices that it is most needed; and the limitation of amount will only oblige the remitter to multiply his letters and orders, in order to mail a sum as much beyond the limitation as he may desire. The reason offered by the gentlemen proposing the resolves, for supporting resolution IV., strikes us as unsatisfactory. Of a Sunday, he argues, he may desire to mail a letter, and cannot for want of a stamp. He therefore opposes compulsory prepayment. With the morality of Sunday letter-writing, Sunday mails, and mail treats, we have nothing to do; but it would be better to state the case more broadly by saying the writer may have neither stamp nor money about him, and so must retain his letter a day longer. But whether it would be wise to forego a great no-credit principle in postal matters, to accommodate a forgetful gentleman, who has neglected to provide a stamp or three pence, against the contingencies of the Sabbath, is a question of easy decision. We should say, decidedly, not. Resolution V., requiring the return of Dead Letters, "unopened if possible" to the writers, is very well; but, in cases where they can be returned without opening, we are at a loss to discover. Resolution VI., and last, proposes the formation of a Central American Republic of States.

If Honduras, or San Salvador, or Guatemala, or Costa Rica, desire to join political fortunes with Nicaragua, they will be left free to do so, in a quiet way, and by the common consent of their people or established Government. He will neither turn nor overturn existing dynasties in these States. The changes or union of power will be left to manifest destiny.

These advices put a new phase on the Walker enterprise. Its mission, with the alliance and friendly offices of the Nicaragua Transit Company, now looms up as one of peace and commerce, of agriculture and mining—in short, of American progress. That this will invite, in a more powerful measure than the prospect of martial conquest, in the other departments of Central America, emigration from California and the Atlantic States, is quite probable. Nor do we see that the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty, under such an invitation, can much longer stand in the way. Our own Government has already shaken off the responsibility of colonizing Central America. Does it further devolve upon them to arrest peaceable emigration to the State of Nicaragua? Doubtful. But, whether good faith to Great Britain demands such interference or not, the chances are that many of our Atlantic people will go. The Pacific boys, to the number of five or six hundred, have already gone, and more mean to go.

A Strong Step.

On the 3d of this December the back double left Panama-Prison, in company with the bark *Cleve Wheir* and the United States sloop-of-war [illegible] The Cleve Wheir arrived here on the 17th of December, but the Anita has not since been heard of, and serious fears are very generally entertained for her safety. The *Anita* was taken possession of by the Captain of the *Savannah*, on account of the suspicious nature of her cargo—it being composed of firearms and munitions of war, and two officers were placed in charge of her, the senior being Lieut. Wemmm, of Baltimore, and the other Lieutenant Ehrmn, son of Henry Ehrmn, Esq., of this City. There are various conjectures as to the possible causes of the non-appearance of the missing bark, the most hopeful being that she may have been wrecked upon some of the numerous islands which lie in her course from Port-au-Prince to this City; and it has been suggested that the Government should dispatch a steamer to search for the missing bark, and, as the *Anita* steamer is lying at the Navy all ready to start in pursuit of filibusters, we should say that the Secretary of the Navy could not put her to a better use than to send her in search of the *Anita*.

Mason and Bergmann's Matinee.

The third *matinée* of Messrs. Mason and Bergmann's series came off yesterday, at Dodworth's Saloon, before a large and fashionable audience. The programme contained five pieces. Commenced with Mozart's quartette, No. 4, in E flat, for stringed instruments, played by Messrs. Thomas, Mosenthal, Matzka and Bergmann. This agreeable work was rendered with a good deal of nicety, and a just discrimination of effects, but it seemed to us that the time was taken too slow throughout, and especially in the two first movements. We are aware that the ear has become vitiated of late, by the increased *tempo* which all executants give to the works of the old masters. But this quartette was, we think, taken slower than the composer intended. The graceful statelliness of the *minuetto* was, however, admirably rendered, as clearly, elegantly and boldly as the steps of the great dames who of old figured to its measures. The first violin was finely in tune throughout, and the other instruments supported it with vigorous ability. The many points of excellence which Mr. Bergmann's party of players possess, were better developed in this work of Mozart's, than in any of its predecessors we have heard.

The feature of the *matinée* was a trio by a new composer, Anton Rubinstein. It is one of the best characteristics of Messrs. Mason and Bergmann's series that they are not satisfied with the ordinary levies on Beethoven, Haydn, Mozart and the old masters, but carry chamber music a step further than it has yet gone in New-York by playing the best works of the most promising young composers of the day. Thus, on a previous occasion, we were introduced to a fine and, in many respects, remarkable trio by Brahms—the same that has since carried consternation into the camp of the Bostonians. On the present occasion we were favored with a taste of Mr. Rubinstein's quality. Mr. Rubinstein is a Russian, quite young, highly gifted, thoroughly cultivated. He has from a child been a remarkable performer on the piano-forte, for which instrument he has written some pieces. Of his other works we know but little, although he is said to have written largely for orchestra, &c. The trio played yesterday is admirable. Its proportions are so exact, its elaboration so artistic, and its design so clear, that we are quite sure Mr. Rubinstein is no novice in this form of composition. We have seldom listened to a new work that satisfied us so completely. The opening movement (*Allegro con fuoco*) is a masterpiece of clear, healthy, vigorous inspiration and, will bear favorable comparison with any similar work of any master. The subsequent adagio is not so good either in subject or treatment, but it presents some phrases of decided originality. The presto which follows is especially brilliant for the piano-forte, and the *Allegro finale* has the same advantage. Neither of these movements however can be compared with the first. They lack the decided originality and largeness, and are obviously filled up with greater effort. They display the pianist to advantage, but do not give the stringed instruments much chance of distinguishing themselves; they are like poor relations, a little in the way. Taken as a whole, the trio is a work that must make its way in the world of art. It realizes so much that it can scarcely be said to be promising, but it indicates in an unmistakable manner that Rubinstein is already one of the advanced lights of the age. The performance of this work was excellent, especially that of Mr. Mason in the very laborious piano partition. The latter gentleman also played a couple of solos in a very effective and artistic manner.

Miss Brainerd—one of the most enjoyable concert singers in New-York—sang a couple of pieces in a very delicious manner, and was encored. The substituted song was too flimsy for such an occasion.

POPULAR EDUCATION.

Opening of a Fine New School (No. 48) in the Twentieth Ward.

There was a great crowd, yesterday, in the new School-house No. 48, (situated in Twenty-eighth-street,) near the Sixth avenue, to witness its formal opening. It is a beautiful building, which cost $55,000, and must, of course, be a first-class affair. Commissioner Bolton M. Fowler, Chairman of the Twentieth Ward Local Board, acted as presiding officer of the meeting, which was held in the large upper hall. The attendance consisted of a class of girls from the Thirty-fifth-street School, (No. 33,) parents of children who are hereafter to attend the new school, City teachers, friends of education generally, and several distinguished strangers. An opening prayer was made by Rev. Dr. Rankin. Music followed. Then Mr. Andrew H. Green, the new President of the Board of Education, delivered a very happy address upon the progressive history of the Schools of New-York, starting with the first teacher of the first public school in the City, and reproducing several very curious records of his and his immediate successor's quaint experience. Dr. Frank Tuthill followed. Rev. Mr. Ridgway came next, recognizing in the City's children its jewels, and exhorting to a fair setting and careful polishing by them. Col. T. B. Thomas spoke next; he thought the country quite safe, and showed how much more surely its schools than its battlements made it so. Rev. Dr. Burchard, after much wandering in noted lands abroad, affirmed that no sight there so delighted and comforted him as a vision of one of our capital Schools, when in full blast. Judge Beebe grieved that his pathetics, on which he so prides himself, had all been anticipated. So he detailed, very humorously, his experience as a schoolmaster, when he "boarded round," had doughnuts and turkey every meal, and slept on seven beds in the farm-house parlor, as the masters used to do. Superintendents Bulkley of Brooklyn and Raubatz of New-York, in brief and sober speeches, thrust home a good many things for hearers to think of at their leisure. Mr. Farnham deprecated corporeal punishment. Commissioner Shandon, of the Twenty-second Ward, urged the necessity of establishing such a Free Academy for Girls as the Boys now enjoy, and Com. Fowler in a pertinent anecdote brought this part of the programme to an end. But good as most of the speeches were, it would have been a very dull entertainment to have listened so long to them consecutively without the aid of music. This was furnished by the glees of young ladies in fine style, led and assisted by Mr. Comrns and Mr. Nash on the piano. Judge Waterbury, the Chairman of the Building Committee, unfortunately was sick, and Gen. Scott who was expected was unable to get in. The whole affair passed off handsomely, and we only regretted that the audience had not an opportunity to judge of the calibre of the Principal of the School by hearing him speak. People, on such occasions, delight to magnify the dignity of the teacher's profession. A very proper way of putting his dignity upon exhibition, is to give him a chance at such times. Cut any one else off the programme, but not him. Especially forbid his modesty to excuse him. We annex a description of this noble building:

STRUCTURE OR SCHOOL-HOUSE NO. 48.

The grounds are 100 by 110 feet, and it is designed to enlarge them fifteen feet on each side, if the adjoining property can be obtained. The building is lofty and imposing in its external appearance. Furnaces and heating apparatus have been carefully built and put up with reference to the risks that grew out of their hasty construction. They were furnished from the "Novelty Works." The play grounds are on the rear, which, with the exception of a small space on the front, devoted to a series of rooms—a trustees' room, a library room, a [illegible] room, [illegible] for the primary children. It occupies an area [illegible] feet, and the play grounds are four [illegible] feet in depth. The [illegible] are well made, very convenient, and safe in all respects. The general plan of the structure is exceedingly good, and the taste of all who have seen it has been much praised. It was well constructed by the architect, Mr. Jackson, and reflects much credit upon his professional taste and skill.

The Primary Department occupies the first floor above the ground, about eight feet, and has eight class-rooms, which seat 564, distributed as follows: two seat 49 each; two seat 48 each; two seat 56 each; two seat 71 each.

The main room is divided by sliding-doors; the front part furnished with chairs and desks will seat 136 pupils. The rear is occupied by a gallery, which will seat 64. The furniture is very substantial, of a good pattern, and presents a very neat and tasteful appearance. There are hookrooms and closets in all the class-rooms, and the main rooms of the Primary and Girls' Departments for clothing and other needful purposes.

In the Girls' Department there are eight class-rooms, two of which seat 56 pupils; two 50; two 48, and two 44 each. The rooms are heated with coal fires, as is the usual method in our new school houses, which will seat 76 pupils each. The front part of the main room is furnished with chairs and desks for writing, drawing, and similar exercises, and will seat 160 pupils, or a total of 640. The whole arrangement in this department is excellent, and presents a very pleasing and elegant effect.

The Boys' department has six class rooms, furnished with desks and chairs, on the upper floor. The capacity of the class-rooms is as follows: Two will seat 60, two 50, and two 48 pupils each. The main room is furnished with 80 settees, and will seat eight pupils each, or 640 or 700 in all. There is one room used for supplies, as there are no large bookcases in this department. There is another similar room, which is fitted up with drawing desks for the use of both the Boys' and Girls' Grammar Schools. All the class-rooms in each department are arranged with gas. Also the main rooms, &c. The main room in the boys' school is designed for the assemblage of both departments together when desirable, also for lectures to the Evening Schools.

There are pianos in both the Grammar Schools, and there is to be one in the Primary immediately.

There are bells, whistles and speaking tubes connecting with each department and to the Janitor's quarters. The class-rooms and gallery will seat altogether 1,600 pupils, and the main room nearly 100 more.

There are registered, to the present time, in the Boys' Grammar School, 300 pupils; in the Girls' Grammar School 300, and in the Primary 300 pupils, and the school promises to fill up rapidly. The following is the list of teachers appointed in the different Departments:

Male Department—J. H. Partridge, Principal, assisted by Edwin Spaulding, Dayton W. Searle, Wm. M. Adams, Patrick Brennan, James A. Tracy.

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Primary Department—Silas A. Ebbets, C. A. Fitz, Eliza M. Dyke, Frances A. Lasloin, Martinje R. Roome, Rosalie Brown, Emily Agan.

This fine school-house was contracted for in June, 1854, and commenced and nearly completed during that year—Judge Waterbury being Chairman of the Building Committee. The first appropriation was $31,000 for the mason work and carpenter work. The heating, furnishing and extras have raised the total cost to about $55,000. It was intended to open the school early in the year of 1855, when a full corps of teachers were appointed, but, owing to a combination of circumstances, a delay of nearly a year has taken place.

Mr. James Mosenthal was originally appointed as Principal of the Boys' Grammar School, and Mr. Ward Burt Vice-Principal. Before it opened Mr. M. was tendered, and he accepted, a Professorship in the Twenty-second Ward. Mr. Burt has just been appointed Principal of No. 15, in Brooklyn.

☞ In an evening school in the Fifteenth Ward we found a well-dressed and intelligent young Japanese brought here by Commodore Perry, and at present cared for by Government orders. His name in English is Daniel Kirom. The Japanese characters accompanying we spare our readers.

☞ The young ladies of Grammar School No. 40 Allen-street are bound to have a piano. To get it they have a concert to-night in the Tabernacle.

THE HOOP FEVER,

OR,

The Perils of a Pestilence on Fulton Ferry.

We have ocular proof that there are several alarming cases of hoop fever in this City, and more than one that gives good cause for serious misapprehensions, in the neighboring city of Brooklyn. There is no longer any virtue in concealment. The hoop fever is spreading frightfully. It is worse, even now, than the hen fever was at its crisis. Yet, the most ambitious hen could not with comfort, convenience, or utility, cover a moiety of the area which the most delicately formed female occupies, when afflicted with this terrible disease. With our mind upon Anthon's treatment of this malady, we have watched its rise and progress with both our eyes, and with considerable interest, but not without hope that a grain of common sense would put it down, or at least confine it within bearable bounds. That hope is fled. It went off in company with a hoop of Astronomical proportions, on one of the Fulton Ferry-boats, on Friday afternoon.

As we have said, it was about the hour of noon. There are several nice young men who will never forget it. A public sleigh came dashing down to the ferry-house on the Brooklyn side, and in it there was something huge and black and round. If it had been white, or even yellow, it would have passed, at *distance, for a defunct balloon. But no. In all its* vastness and rotundity, it was black as the blackest cloud that ever belched lightning down upon a ship at sea, or rolled its majestic thunders over trembling *villages. It was not a defunct balloon. It was* not a thunder-cloud. It was vast and black and round. *As it approached the station*, the head of a female was discernible, and appeared as if attached to a portion of it. The only similie that occurs to us as capable of conveying an idea of *the appearance*, is a sugar hogshead and a lid looking out of it, after he has eaten all he can and desires to escape unobserved by the grocer. It came yet nearer. The sleigh stopped suddenly, making the head to occupy a position on the top of the magnitude. By some internal and curious motive power, the magnitude moved, and when it left the sleigh it became vaster and rounder and blacker than before. Becoming satisfied that there was at least a portion of a lady on its top, and that from inflation or some other equally powerful agency, the magnitude was progressing rapidly to a standard of development heretofore unknown even to medical men and the fathers of large families of sturdy children, we began to fear that the lady would go up before her time; and feeling that the world has no pretty faces to spare, were about to prick the magnitude, with a view to procuring a collapse, and thereby saving the lady, when we discovered (for the first time) a lady's arms and hands, and that one of them held fast to a neat young man, weighing (he wore tights) about 65 pounds avoirdupois. Observing that the lady considered him a dead-weight and used him as such, we were, notwithstanding the slightness of his qualification, even for such a place, very much relieved. The magnitude moved on. It seemed to float just above the surface. It sailed down the centre of the bridge, leading to the boat. The lady was on the top and the young-man-dead-weight steadying it on one side. When near the boat a strong current of air came through the passage. We were alarmed. So were the boat-men and several others. The magnitude enlarged, and in spreading, came near pushing the young-man-dead-weight off his feet. The lady grasped the young-man-dead-weight still firmer by his hand. The enlarging magnitude pushed out his feet until he was at a useless angle. The magnitude began to rise. So did the lady. So did the young-man-dead-weight, at a useless angle. A man went more and the magnitude, the lady and the young-man-dead-weight, at a useless angle, would go.

"Though lost to sight, to memory dear."

There was running to and fro and many cries of "save them." The gate-keeper left his post, and while away a newsboy ran through without paying. The people in the boat ran out and said, "Oh!" The pilot cried, "Stop her," but no one knew what value to touch; and the magnitude and the lady, and the young-man-dead-weight, at a useless angle, were rising, rising, up, up, slowly, but surely upward. It was now full five feet from the bridge, and it was going up, up, slowly but surely upward. So large was the magnitude, that at that moment the lady could not be seen, except by those at a distance. The young-man-dead-weight was strong, and the magnitude, at a useless angle. The magnitude was going up, up, slowly, but surely upward. A gentleman in a cloaked and [illegible] cloak, [illegible]

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